

**GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2010**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cyndy Andrus
Mark Criner
Kathy Gallagher
Dave Hebner
Sherwin Leep, Board Chair
Steve White, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Randy Carpenter
Tony Haag
Gretchen Rupp, Vice-Chair

GLWQD STAFF PRESENT:

Alan English, Manager
Tammy Crone, Water Quality Specialist
Baker Lyon, Water Quality Specialist

BOARD LIAISONS PRESENT:

Sean Hill, Environmental Health
Tim Roark, Environmental Health

PUBLIC AND GUESTS:

Earl Mathers, County Administrator
Tony Kolnick

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sherwin Leep called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMEBERS

District Manager Alan English introduced new board member, Bozeman City Commissioner Cyndy Andrus. Two other new members, City of Bozeman At-Large Representative Randy Carpenter and Manhattan Representative Tony Haag had prior conflicts and were unable to attend the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes are in a unique format due to use of the FTR recording system for the public hearings at the February meeting.

Kathy Gallagher made a motion to approve the February 22, 2010 minutes as presented. Steve White seconded. Motion passed as follows:

ROLL CALL:

Sherwin Leep – For	Gretchen Rupp – Absent
Randy Carpenter – Absent	Dave Hebner – For
Steve White– For	Tony Haag - Absent
Cindy Andrus- For	Kathy Gallagher – For
Mark Criner – For	

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Kolnick, resident of Helena and property owner in the Four Corners area, desires a solution to his Tier 1 septic system issues on his and 150 other properties in the county. Mr. Kolnick expressed concern for Four Corner's area water quality and wanted to join Four Corners Water and Sewer District due to his failed septic system, but could not afford \$1,200 annually for fees. He suggests five to six other residents of the Rainbow Subdivision are in a similar situation. He

does not want to give up his personal water well, and his water right, to join a public system as a solution to potential water quality and public health concerns. Mr. Kolnick requested that the LWQD cooperate with homeowners to solve this issue and thanks the District for their contribution of data which supports his concerns over water quality.

V. STAFF UPDATE

Alan English reviewed the staff update that was provided as a handout at the meeting. The update covers the period from November 5, 2009 through March 3, 2010 due to the cancellation of the December meeting, and the January and February meetings being focused on the proposed District boundary expansions.

Tammy Crone provided an overview of DEQ Source Water Protection Program funded Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) screening of monitoring wells in the District. Numerous challenges limited the total number of wells sampled. The original goal was to sample all 52 wells currently in the network. Due to well construction issues and equipment limitations, only 36 wells were sampled. Very few wells tested positive for VOC contamination. Three wells tested positive for chloroform, and three tested positive for tetrachlorethene.

VI. DISCUSSION OF MODIFIED NORTHERN BOUNDARY CHANGE

Steve White requested the Manager provide a brief synopsis of the recent boundary expansion activities for the benefit of new board members. The Manager described the three expansion areas, as well as Resolution of Intent, Protest Period and Resolution to Change hearing process. The South and West expansions were approved by the board on February 22, 2010. The Northern boundary expansion was tabled due to concerns with expansion into the Shields River Valley and a mailing error which resulted in mailing notices to property owners outside of the proposed northern expansion area. The Board directed staff to redraft the northern boundary expansion Resolution of Intent, map, and legal description.

The Board discussed the new, smaller northern boundary expansion area, which will contain approximately 90 fewer structures as compared with the original area, will not include area to the East of the Bridger Mountains including the Shields River Valley, as well as to not extend as far north to the Township Two North boundary line.

Steve White expressed that he does not consider the density of development and water use in the north of the expansion area to be sufficient to warrant our time. Mark Criner expressed concern for potential down gradient impacts by land owners in the upper northern area. Kathy Gallagher pointed out that water does not follow political boundaries, but some type of boundary needs to be established that can be legally described. Alan English expressed concern that future development would continue north and that there has been a significant amount of development just outside of the existing GLWQD northern boundary.

The Board expressed approval of the new northern boundary lines as drawn, to not include land in the Shields River Valley or Sedan area, and to extend four miles north of the existing northern boundary. The Board requested that a modified Resolution of Intent to change the northern boundary be placed on the April agenda.

VII. UPDATE ON IDAHO POLE SUPERFUND SITE

The five-year review process continues with report completion scheduled for summer 2010. As part of this process the GLWQD will provide comment. The Idaho Pole Company desires to reduce the size of the Controlled Ground Water Area established around the site by DNRC. EPA is proceeding with a proposal to delist the contaminated soils cleanup area south of Interstate 90. Alan English expressed concern with known contamination that exists under the Interstate. Alan also said he would try and set up a tour of the site and treatment facility when the weather improves. The cleanup currently involves ground water pumping, charcoal filtration and cycling of the treated water through the system.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

The Board requested some clarification on Rainbow subdivision and Tier 1 status. The Board established it does not have authority to request inclusion of Rainbow Subdivision into the Four Corners Water and Sewer District. Sean Hill, EHS, explained that the area includes 150 Tier 1 properties - lots which are too small to accommodate both individual well and septic systems. There exist significant financial costs for existing sewer infrastructure, and monthly fees in addition to new costs for extension of sewer mains to service the Subdivision.

IX. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

Resolution of Intent to Change the Northern Boundary of GLWQD

Update on Budget

Amendment to Subdivision Review Policy to include evaluation of ground water impacts

Review of Long-term Ground Water Monitoring Plan

Subcommittee for Annual Manager Personnel Review

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010 at 8:15 am in the Gallatin County Courthouse Community Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherwin Leep, Chair

Date

Steve White, Secretary

Date

Alan English, District Manager

Date